The Nun's Story

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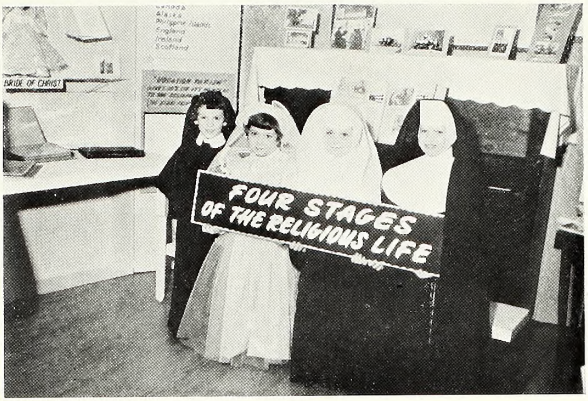
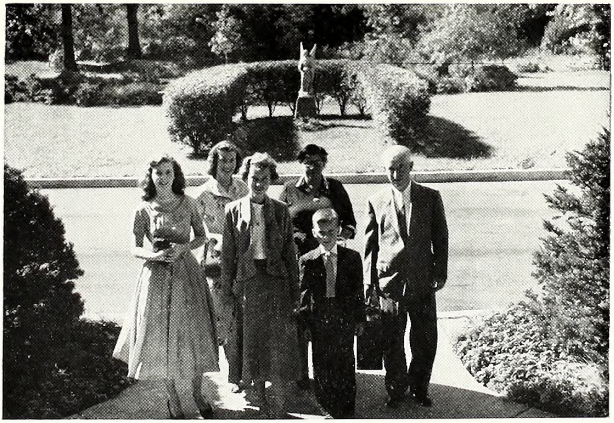


Maybe it started when you were a little girl and impersonated Sister at a vocation rally. You are the second little girl on the right.



The idea of a vocation developed over the years, and your family went along with it, both figuratively and literally. They all shared the joy of your entrance day, September 12th, feast of the Holy Name of Mary.

Here you met a new family, 800 strong. For three years you were going to live with about eighty young neophytes like yourself.

On vocation writing Sunday, you took advantage of the opportunity to write to your friends, that they too might embrace this beautiful way of life. You advised them: "All you need is average intelligence, good health, and a desire to serve Christ in a special way. The steps you must take are: Pray, consult your confessor, receive the sacraments frequently, and prepare by sacrifice and fidelity to duty." You emphasized how great a privilege it was to live in the household of the Lord, and what a happy atmosphere prevailed at St. Michael's. You also underlined the fact that postulants were **gradually** initiated into the religious life, not abruptly plunged into it as in the other **Nun's Story**.

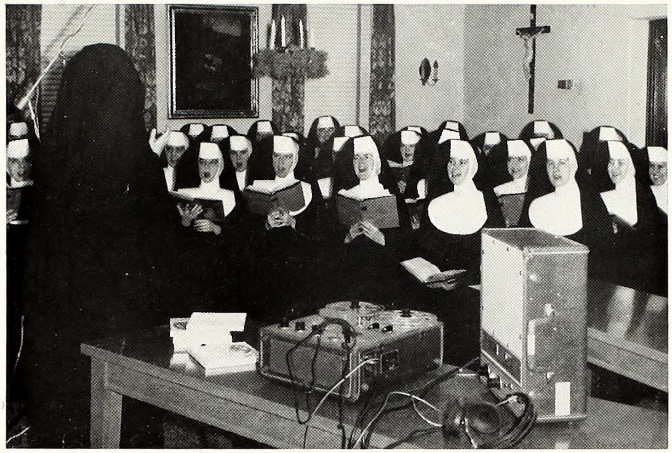
As a novice, for two years you were grounded in many things—development of the spiritual life, liturgical music, social poise, methods in teaching, and domestic arts.

This was the daily schedule you followed:

5.30	Rise	8.00	House charges	5.00	Spiritual Reading
5.50	Morning Prayers	9.00	Classes and lectures	5.30	Office
6.00	Meditation	12.00	Office	6.00	Supper
6.30	Office	12.30	Dinner	7.15	Rosary
6.50	Mass	1.00	Recreation	7.30	Recreation
7.30	Breakfast	2.00	Classes	8.30	Night Prayers

On the Feast of the Visitation, July 2nd, after ten months of postulancy, you were garbed as a bride and espoused to One who chose you from all eternity.

On the second anniversary of your reception came Temporary Profession Day, when you received the black veil, rosary, and a crown symbolizing your reward in Heaven.



At St. Joseph's Juniorate in Hohokus, you underwent two more years of training, before being sent on a mission.

Three years after First Profession you pronounced vows for life, and Reverend Mother and the Archbishop signed this important document.

Sr. M. John Helena C.S.J.

You began your career in the classroom with the blessed privilege of training the young in a Christlike way of life.

Some of your group had gone into other fields and had the joy of ministering to the physical well-being of the children of God. This was at Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck; St. Luke's Hospital, New Bern, North Carolina. Eight other hospitals were served by your Sisters in Christ.

Others were eyes to the blind, inculcating in them a spiritual vision which compensated for the earthly light denied to them.

You loved to visit St. Joseph's Village, where others were engaged in caring for dependent children, in a miniature Paradise in Rockleigh, just below the New York Borderline. The House Mothers here, with twenty-four children to a cottage, had an assignment you were inclined to envy. Singing lullabies was a nice occupation!

A lucky few among many volunteers were chosen to work for Christ in far-away places—Bugo and Malaybalay in the Philippine Islands.

Wherever it might be, you served Christ with joy until you became a revered Golden Jubilarian, ready to give an account of your stewardship.

Missions conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Newark are in:

England	W. Virginia	Canada	Oregon
Scotland	New Jersey	Ireland	California
Philippines	No. Carolina	Alaska	Washington

Our Sisters maintain:

Schools	Residences for Business Girls	Homes for Dependent Children	Hospitals
Printing Department	Catechetical Centers	Home and School for Blind	Foreign Missions

A Sister may serve as:

Laboratory Technician	Cook	Pharmacist	Typist
X-Ray Technician	Clerk	Linotypist	Printer
Social Worker	Nurse	Supervisor	Teacher
Housemother	Artist	Seamstress	Musician
Housekeeper	Editor	Librarian	Dietitian
Bookkeeper	Writer	Secretary	Catechist

Procedure to be followed:

Personal interview Filing of application Procuring necessary supplies Physical examination
Obtaining required certificates

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